

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Amend the paragraph beginning on Page 16, line 13, through Page 17, line 4, as follows:

[Example 1]

A hand-made paper containing a bleached MP and a bleached CP made from coniferous wood in a ratio of 1:1 (200 cm², basis weight 60 g/m²) was divided into four portions to prepare samples for laser processing. These samples were immersed in a 6% aqueous sodium borohydride (w/v) solution and then mounted on a glass plate. At this point, the impregnation level of sodium boron hydride was 18% solids by weight on the basis of the weight of pulp solids. The samples were irradiated with KrF excimer laser at 40 mJ/cm²/pulse, 5 Hz for 10 minutes. After completion of laser irradiation, the sample was washed with water and dried in a cylinder dryer. A fading test was performed using a xenon lamp weather meter. The samples were irradiated with UV light generated from the xenon lamp for 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 hours, after which ISO brightness [JIS P 8148] and L*a*b* color difference (delta E*ab) [JIS Z 8701] were determined. The fading test was performed at a black panel temperature of 63°C, humidity 50%, and an irradiation intensity of 70 W.

Delete the paragraphs of the specification beginning on Page 18, line 4, through Page 19, line 20.